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JOIN US IN FT. WORTH

The TNA's 47th Annual State coin show will be held in Fort Worth, Texas at the Will Rogers Complex on May 13, 14 and 15, 2005. This is the same location as the last four years. Additional details will be announced in the near future; but in the meantime, mark your calendars to attend.

The show producer is Jim Fitzgereld and he can be contacted at 817-847-5205 or at jamesfitz@prodigy.net.

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by: Debbie Williams

Balance Sheet--As of February 28, 2005

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
FTB—Money Market	53,103.33
First Texas Bank (FTB)	
Youth Activities Fund	1,564.38
Memorial Library Fund	1,707.58
ANA Junior Seminar Fund	1,000.00
Coin's for A's	1,572.21
First Texas Bank (FTB)-other	10,272.74
Total First Texas Bank (FTB)	16,116.91
Total Checking/Savings	65,220.24
Accounts Receivable	
Lost Mail Deposit	51.00
Total Accounts Receivable	51.00
Other Current Assets	
CD—Lone Star Capital Bank	50,000.00
CD—Life Memberships-CLNB	30,000.00
Total Other Current Assets	80,000.00
Total Current Assets	149,271.24
Total Assets	**149,271.24**
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Fund Balance	155,543.29
Opening Bal Equity	-5.00
Net Income	-6,267.05
Total Equity	149,271.24
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQU1TY	149,271.24

A Few Words from the Editor

By Benny Bolin, NLG

As you read this second edition of the newsletter for 2005, the TNA Show is just a few short weeks away. Make plans now to meet us in Ft. Worth. There will be a very large bourse, educational seminars, exhibits and our usual book auction. Also, as in the past Russell Prinzinger is planning a dynamite youth auction. Please support Russell in this endeavor as the youth are truly the future of our hobby. Also, if you have any books or catalogs you no longer need, consider donating them to the book auction. If you can, consider volunteering for the show. Jim Fitzgerald is the show coordinator. I am sure he could find a place for you if you are interested in being a part. **Make plans now—May 13-15 in Ft. Worth!**

The year has started off smashingly from a numismatic standpoint in Texas. First, in January, the Money Show in Houston was a huge success. Now, also in Houston, the museum of natural history has an exhibit, *Gold! Natural Treasure, Cultural Obsession* that is there until August 7. If you are in Houston, plan to see this one. It will be worth it.

On a national scale, the year is shaping up to be another good one numismatically. Five more new quarters, new nickels and many other pieces to collect from the mint. Also, did you know there was a 12 million dollar collection of paper money auctioned in February in Dallas by Heritage CAA? Can you imagine not only having the means, but having the perseverance to assemble a collection that large? And, it was just one person's collection!

As always, I am in need of articles. Please consider writing one for placement in the newsletter. It is really neat to see your name on the byline and not only will you be a published author, you also might be in line for the Tidwell award for best article. If you want to submit, please do so by;

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

SUBMITTED BY HAL CHERRY

Welcome to new Regular Members, Greg Standley and John Watson and Junior Member, Gretchen Stoker. No objections were received and these applicants became active members on March 1, 2005.

The following have applied for membership. If no written objections are received from the membership, they will become TNA members on May 1:

R-6605 – Tim Conway – sponsored by Jim Bevill
R-6606 – Brian Holland – sponsored by Jim Bevill
R-6607 - Steve Hentz – sponsored by Jim Bevill
R-6608 – John B. Trout – sponsored by Jim Bevill
R-6609 – Russell Longmire – sponsored by Jim Bevill
R-6610 – Lloyd Limmer – sponsored by Jim Bevill
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J-6629 – Nathan Collins– sponsored by Paul Garner
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J-6631 – Sean Litzinger– sponsored by Paul Garner

The following members have transferred from Regular Membership to Life Membership. Thank you to:

LM-203 – Dave Keiss
LM-204 – Malcolm Self
LM-205 – John McDonald

Former members who have been reinstated by paying last years dues.

R-5706 – David A. Keithley, Jr.
A-5846 – Sheri Keithley
R-5698 – James Fehr
R-6368 – Ernest Mills

ATTENTION LIFE MEMBERS: If you have misplaced your permanent life membership card, you can obtain a replacement for $6.00 Please advise the Secretary's office if you need a new card.

VIP LEADERS FOR 2005 ARE: Jim Bevill and Paul Garner

PLEASE NOTE: TNA News Letter mailing labels are generated from the Secretary's membership data base so if you have an address change, please send this information directly to the Secretary's office! Notifying the Editor only delays the process as he must resend the information on to the Secretary for updating the records and data base.

MEMBERSHIP AGE RESTRICTIONS REMOVED: At the December 13, 2003 Board Meeting, the By-Laws were changed to remove any minimum age restrictions from both the Junior Member and Life Member categories. The previous minimum age had been nine years.

2005 TNA DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE

If you have not paid your dues this year, now is the time to do it! According to the TNA By-Laws, the official deadline is by April 1st of the year. This copy of the newsletter may not have reached you by this date; but please remember there is a reinstatement process. Dues for Regular Members are $17.00/year, Associate Members $6.00/year and Junior Members $8.00/year. Dues are payable to the Secretary's Office, Attention: Hal Cherry, TNA Secretary, P.O. Box 852165, Richardson, Tx 75085-2165 – phone number: 972/234-6996 – e-mail address: halcherry@msn.com.

TNA MEMBERSHIP PATCHES AVAILABLE

Both Regular and Life Membership patches will be for sale at the 2005 TNA Convention in Fort Worth for $3.00 each. The patches will be available at the Medals sales table and are suitable for attachment to either a shirt, jacket, vest, or cap. These patches are available through a donation from Governor Paul Garner.

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The *TNA News* is available on the TNA Web Site at www.tna.org or can be accessed by typing either TNA or Texas Numismatic Association in your search engine and going to the proper heading. As a cost saving measure, the TNA Board is reviewing a proposal to allow members to use this method to access and read the TNA News rather than by receiving a paper copy in the mail. If any members would be interested in this electronic option rather than the postal mail option, please notify the office of the Secretary. (A long range plan is to possibly make the *TNA News* available by E-mail.)

Multiple Copies--On a similar note, if any households are receiving more than one copy of the *TNA News* due to multiple memberships and would only like to receive one copy, please notify the office of the Secretary.

TNA'S SPEAKERS BUREAU

The TNA Board is interested in organizing a Speakers Bureau and is asking for participation from the TNA membership. Many TNA members are accustomed to giving educational programs at their local coin clubs and there are also some slide programs available from both the TNA and ANA libraries. The objective is to spread the word about and develop interest in numismatics. Members would be asked to present a program to various organizations in their area such as schools, civic clubs, Scout groups, or any other interested organizations. Many groups and organizations are always looking for a speaker or program for their weekly or monthly meetings. If a sufficient number of TNA members are interested, then a list of organizations will be developed and contacted regarding the availability of the TNA Speakers Bureau. If you are interested in participating in this proposed Speakers Bureau, please contact the Committee Chairman, Hal Cherry at P.O. Box 852165, Richardson, Tx 75085-2165, phone – 972/234-6996, e-mail – halcherry@msn.com.

TNA COIN SHOW SET FOR MAY 13, 14, 15 , 2005

The TNA's 47th Annual State coin show will be held in Fort Worth, Texas at the Will Rogers Complex on May 13, 14 and 15, 2005. The location is the Central Texas Room of the Amon G. Carter Jr. Exhibits Hall, 3401 West Lancaster, off I-30 from University or Montgomery exits.

Show hours are Friday, May 13 and Saturday, May 14 from 9:00AM to 7:00PM and Sunday May 15 from 9:00AM to 3:00PM. There will be 195 dealer tables. Admission is $3.00/person with TNA members and children under 18 being admitted free. There will be a raffle for gold coins donated by Heritage Galleries of Dallas, Texas along with door prizes, TNA medal sales, a grading service, educational seminars and exhibits. A highlight of the show will be the silent book auction which includes a large donation of ancient coin reference books this year. In addition a large donation of science fiction books will be sold with all proceeds going to the TNA. The annual Youth Coin Auction is also scheduled for Saturday, May 14 at 10:00AM and 2:00PM. The show producer is Jim Fitzgerald and he can be contacted at 817-847-5205 or at jamesfitz@prodigy.net.

TNA Book Auction

By: Helen Snider

It is that time again to think about the annual TNA Book Auction. This is a Silent Auction held at the annual TNA Show in Ft. Worth. The auction runs on Friday, May 13, and Saturday, May 14. The books are all donated and have been bring in to TNA over $500.00 each year. This year's auction is shaping up to be a very large event. Gerald Kendall's estate has given a very large group of books, as has the Howard Luke estate. Other books have already been received by Gary Hill and Mike Grant. We can always use more. So please check your own personal library for duplicates, etc. Other TNA members and the general public support the auction each year by bidding and winning the bid on some very interesting numismatic literature. Please help us with this worthwhile auction by bringing books, by bidding, and by buying some of these books. For further information or to donate books, please call me at 956-607-6999 or email me at hj631tex@aol.com.

See you in Ft. Worth!!

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TNA Youth Auction Items Needed

According to a survey in the December 14th Numismatic News, almost 50% of adult coin collectors admitted to being attracted to our hobby as a kid. College, families and other responsibilities then caused diminished interest in coin collecting. Persons in their 40's and 50's usually return to the hobby as their finances improve. The bottom line is their interest was kindled as kids.

The TNA is committed to several youth programs, one of which is the youth auction at the convention in May. To be successful, we must have coins and related material to obtain the interest of the kids. To accomplish this task, we must solicit the support of dealers and collectors everywhere. We need enough contributions to create 200 lots to accommodate about 100 kids who are expected to attend. (We try to make each lot have a retail value of about $8 to $12). We can use anything associated with our hobby, regardless of value. Items can be combined to build a respectable lot. Better items are used as incentive and attendance awards. Members of coin clubs – combine contributions at your next meeting and mail them as a package. Dealers – check your inventory for items that have not sold well or you have had too long. How about duplicates or coins with problems?

Please send items to: J. Russell Prinzinger, 7405 Windhaven Rd, Fort Worth, TX 76180. 817-656 2540. yanos1@flash.net

TNA TO SPONSOR FALL 2006 COIN SHOW EL PASO, TEXAS

At recent Board Meetings the TNA has discussed the feasibility of sponsoring a second Coin Show in the fall of the year at some geographically different part of the state from the May Convention and Show. The Board has voted to sponsor a Coin Show in El Paso on October 27, 28 and 29, 2006. If this show is successful, the TNA will continue sponsoring a fall show in different geographic areas of the state. The show will be produced by the International Coin Club of El Paso and will be held at the El Maida Shrine Temple, 6331 Alabama, El Paso, Tx 79904. Preliminary plans include 120 dealer tables, educational exhibits including a possible exhibit by the Bank of Mexico, coin collecting merit badge seminars for both Boy and Girl Scouts and possibly an auction.

Information regarding the show and dealer tables can be obtained from Pat Curran, P.O. Box 839, Mesilla, NM 88046, phone 505/521-7340, e-mail patrick2193@earthlink.net.

Minnesota

The second quarter to be released in 2005 commemorates the State of Minnesota, "Land of 10,000 Lakes." On May 11, 1858, Minnesota became the 32nd state admitted into the Union, and as such, it is the 32nd coin to be issued in the United States Mint's popular 50 State Quarters® Program. The design features a tree-lined lake with two people fishing, a loon on the water, and a textured outline of the State surrounding its nickname, "Land of 10,000 Lakes." The "Land of 10,000 Lakes" actually contains more than 15,000 such bodies of water whose total shoreline exceeds 90,000 miles – more than California, Hawaii and Florida combined. Equally renowned as the home of the headwaters of the mighty Mississippi River, the name Minnesota is derived from the Dakota Sioux word for "cloudy water." The natural beauty of Minnesota is vividly depicted on the reverse of this new quarter-dollar. Lined with Norwegian Pines, many of the lakes throughout the State offer much in the way of outdoor recreation, as well as providing a home for the graceful loon, Minnesota's state bird. Minnesota is also home to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. This one- million acre wilderness area was established by Congress in 1978, and contains more than 1,500 miles of canoe routes and nearly 2,200 designated campsites. Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty announced the winning design at the 2004 Governor's Fishing Opener. By selecting the "Land of 10,000 Lakes" design, Governor Pawlenty chose the design recommended to him by the Minnesota State Quarter Commission. Other designs considered were "State with Symbols" including the State outline, snowflake, loon and plow, and "Mississippi River Headwaters" and "Fisherman/Lake Recreation." The Department of Treasury approved the "Land of 10,000 Lakes" design on June 15, 2004.

COMING NEXT EDITION:
Oregon

UNITED STATES COINS—A "PRIMER"
FLOWING HAIR LIBERTY DOLLARS

This historical information is compiled from the U.S. Coins Series compliments of Numismatic Guarantee Corporation.

The dollar was the cornerstone of the monetary system devised by the Founding Fathers for the fledgling United States. More than two years passed, however, between the time Congress authorized dollar coinage and the actual production of the first such coin, the Flowing Hair silver dollar. Congress itself was responsible for the delay. As part of the basic Mint Act of April 2, 1792, the House and Senate specified that two key Mint officers, the chief coiner and assayer, would have to post bonds of $10,000 each before they could work with precious metal. The requirement was onerous: It represented more than six times the annual salary of $1,500 apiece provided for these two officers. Understandably, they had trouble meeting it and, until they did, only copper coinage could proceed. Frustrated by this roadblock in his efforts to begin full-scale coinage, Mint Director David Rittenhouse appealed for help to Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson, the Cabinet officer then in charge of the Mint. Jefferson succeeded in getting Congress to lower the bonds to $5,000 for Chief Coiner Henry Voigt and $1,000 for Assayer Albion Cox; they then put up the money and the Mint was free at last to produce the remaining denominations. By then it was March of 1794, and the red tape had cost the Mint an entire production year of precious-metal coinage: The only coins issued in 1793 had been copper cents and half cents. (Although the Mint was established in 1792 and it struck some coins that year, all are viewed as patterns rather than official federal issues.) Silver coinage started in 1794 with two denominations the dollar and half dollar; both were identical in design (half dimes of this date were coined the following year). The dollar was deemed the most prestigious, so Mint officials decided to strike that first. Actually, the Mint had gotten a running start on the new coins: Engraver Robert Scot had been told to prepare designs for them months before the legal snarl was untangled. Congress had specified that the new coins should bear a design "emblematic of Liberty," and Scot accomplished this with a right-facing portrait of a youthful female figure whose hair flowed freely behind her hence the descriptive term "Flowing Hair." The word LIBERTY appears above her, with the date below and 15 stars along the sides, symbolizing the number of states in the Union at that time. Scot is said to have meant the flowing hair to signify freedom. A pattern 25-cent piece of 1792 served as Scot's model for the obverse; this had been designed by Joseph Wright, who died of yellow fever in 1793 after serving briefly as Mint engraver. The dollar's reverse depicts

a small, spread-winged eagle perched upon a rock and surrounded by laurel branches. Encircling this, along the border, is the motto UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. The dollar's "third side," the edge, carries the inscription HUNDRED CENTS ONE DOLLAR OR UNIT, with decorations separating the words. The Flowing Hair dollar is slightly larger and heavier than later U.S. cartwheels like the Morgan and Peace dollars. Its authorized fineness differs, too, but its actual fineness doesn't, because of some curious doings at the Mint. Congress had specified a peculiar alloy of 1485/1664 silver and 179/1664 copper, for a fineness of .8924+. But Assayer Cox complained that this was too difficult to achieve and, what's more, that silver coins would turn black in ordinary use unless they were at least .900 fine. He prevailed on Rittenhouse to let him use that higher standard, even though Congress hadn't sanctioned it, creating an incredible situation where the Mint was actually breaking the law of the land. This led to substantial losses for people who deposited silver bullion with the Mint and took silver dollars in return, for they were being forced to furnish more silver per coin than the law required. Eventually, some sought and obtained reimbursement. It's believed that the Mint struck a total of 2,000 silver dollars in 1794, all from a single pair of dies. Evidently, some were rejected as being excessively weak and may have ended up being used as coin blanks the following year or simply being melted. The accepted net mintage is 1,758, with estimates of about 120-130 survivors, in all grades. The entire production occurred on a single day, October 15, and Voight stored many of the coins in the Mint's vaults, giving them to Rittenhouse the following May. The Director presented a few of the dollars to VIPs as souvenirs and also made a point of spending some (or exchanging them for Spanish dollars) in order to get the coins before the public. Rittenhouse never distributed all the coins, however, resigning due to failing health in June of 1795. This set the stage for a very interesting piece of numismatic history. Almost 170 years later, in 1964, a small box of "strange" coins was consigned to a Christies auction in London by the family of British nobleman Major Sir Roland Denys Guy Winn, M.C., Fourth Baron St. Oswald. The box contained about $10 in face value of new U.S. coins, dated either 1794 or 1795. Most notable of these pieces were two uncirculated 1794 dollars which brought $11,400 each at the sale. When the coins returned to the United States, the excitement generated among American collectors began to take on a life of its own. A story took root that had one of Lord St. Oswald's ancestors traveling to Philadelphia in 1795 and receiving the coins directly from Henry DeSaussure, Rittenhouse's successor as Mint Director. While this account makes fascinating reading and has been accepted as fact for over thirty years, recent research has uncovered that it's based entirely on conjecture. No family records or accounts support the

proposition of a trip to the United States by a St. Oswald ancestor; in fact, they tend to refute it. We don't know for certain how the coins were obtained or by whom only that they were in the St. Oswald family's possession in 1964.

Perhaps a future numismatic researcher will be able to unravel this mystery. Further dollar production was suspended until a new press capable of imparting fuller, stronger strikes could be installed. It didn't resume until early May of 1795, and from then through mid-October the new equipment cranked out more than 160,000 Flowing Hair dollars dated 1795. In October, the design gave way to a new Draped Bust dollar, making the Flowing Hair dollar a two-year type coin. Despite its brevity, the Flowing Hair dollar series is widely collected by type (most collectors selecting the 1795 issue, because it is so much more plentiful than 1794). Some of the 1795 dollars have two leaves below each wing of the eagle, while others have three. Both kinds are equally available, however.

SPECIFICATIONS:

Diameter: 39-40 millimeters
Weight: 26.96 grams
Composition: .8924 silver, .1076 copper
Edge: Lettered
Net Weight: .77344 ounce pure silver

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Die Varieties of Mexican Republic Coins

By Bill Sigl

There is an acute lack of information on most series of coins of the Mexican Republic period. Shortly after I started collecting Mexican Republic coins over 2 years ago, I decided to fill the voids by accumulating my own data. The first thing I started to build was a population survey of every coin offered for sale on the internet, major auctions, and price lists for denominations I was interested in. Shortly after starting this population survey it became apparent that I also needed another tool in order to lend accuracy to the population survey. This second tool I start-ed to build was a die study of Mexican Republic coins. What is a die study? It is a tool to identify the different obverse and reverse dies used in each denomination/Date/Mint/ Assayer (lets refer to this as DDMA), and notations to which dies are married together. Each obverse or reverse die has an identifying label, a picture, and a description of what makes it different from other obverse or reverse dies for that DDMA. This quickly becomes a MAS-SIVE project, and involves man-aging HUGE quantities of data. After 7 months of conducting the die study, I have identified about 500 dies. This is only a beginning, as I would guess there are at least 10,000 more to identify. Don't look for a book to ever be published on this. I found out why no such book exists on topics like this in Mexican Republic coins, it is because it is unprofitable to produce a book that only about 200 people would buy. You see, collectors of Mexican Republic coins are rarer than the coins are. There are probably only 15 serious collectors of Mexican Republic coins in Texas, compared to hundreds of serious collectors in Texas for American coins. This is using my definition of 'Serious Collector' as someone who will buy a copy of every book published on their field of interest. A die study can be a very valuable tool. I consult mine for every purchase I consider. It can be used for the following:

1) Identification of coins by DDMA.
2) Identification of rare varieties within common DDMA's. Granted, doing so does not yield a current profit because there are not currently die variety collectors of Mexican Republic coins. However, it is still comforting for me to know when I have bought a rare coin for $4 or so even if the rest of the world doesn't yet know it.
3) Identification of contemporary counterfeits.
4) Identification of modern fake coins.
5) The biggest benefit to me is that this tool allows me to have as much fun with a $4 coin as I could have with a $400 coin. It is in the examination and study of a DDMA that true fun is achieved.

My population survey is used by me constantly for the following:

1) Identification of coins that are currently over-priced or fairly priced in the catalog.
2) Identification of scarce or rare coins that the market thinks are common.
3) Condition rarities. Some coins are common in low grades, but rarely seen in high grades.
4) Identification of 'hoard coins'. Some coins are often seen in high grade, indicating that at some point in the past a hoard of them could have been found.
5) Debunking dealer or collect-or misinformation. Many dealers and collectors have no idea what is rare and what is scarce. Their perceptions or claims are largely based on catalog prices. A population report allows me to see which dealers or collectors actually know what they are talking about.

The Six Million Dollar Coins

By: Benny Bolin, NLG

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When I first began collecting coins, over forty years ago, I found in one of my friend's collection what I thought would make me rich. A golden Brasher Doubloon. We traded for the coin. An 1898-O Morgan dollar for the Doubloon. For a few weeks, I dreamed of what I would be able to buy with all that money. Then, it became a sad realization when I finally accepted that what I actually had was a cast copy. But I kept that copy for years and it was one of my all-time favorites. When I disposed of my coins in 1982, I guess it went as well as I can no longer find it. Having that copy always fascinated me due to the "*what if*" aspect of ownership. I was recently fascinated again when at the FUN show this year, Heritage Coins sold not one but three different Brasher Doubloons for an unprecedented $6,000,000+! Is it truly just the rarity or is it a fascination of the man and/or coin(s) that lead to such prices? Who was Brasher and what exactly are the coins?

Ephraim Brasher (pronounced Bray-zher) lived just a few feet from President Washington in New York. Washington resided at 3 Cherry Street and Brasher lived next door at 1 Cherry Street. His business address was 77 Queen Street, not too far north of his home. Brasher was born in 1744 and lived to 1810, the entire 66 years a resident of New York City. He was married to Anne Gilbert on November 8, 1766. Ann was a sister of another New York silversmith, William Gilbert. Ephraim became a smith as well completing an apprenticeship around 1764. Before the first U.S. coins were minted in 1793, various coins were accepted based on their weight by banks. Many of the gold coins in circulation were either counterfeit or had been "*shaved*" and so it was not a prudent person who would accept one without some type of guarantee of its genuineness. Brasher became accepted as a guarantor of coins, assaying, testing and evaluating them. He would then counterstamp those he felt were genuine and of appropriate weight. His stamp on a coin was accepted by almost everyone as proof that the coin was good. Three of these coins made their way to the FUN 2005 show and commanded great prices.

1742 Brasher Lima Style Doubloon (price realized-$690,000). Walter Breen wrote that "most likely the unfamiliar design of the New York Style Doubloons met with resistance, so that Brasher substituted another design, imitating the then common Philip V Lima Doubloons." Michael Hodder has proven that the Lima Style Doubloon is a genuine product of Ephraim Brasher, from his shop in New York. He wrote "the weights of the two known Lima Style Doubloons are essentially identical to the required weight of a Spanish colonial 8 Escudos piece called for by the Bank of New York and the New York City Chamber of Commerce in a notice dated 1786." Breen suggested that the Lima Style Doubloons were made after the New York Style pieces but the EB punch appearing on the Lima Style Doubloons is in an earlier die state, meaning they had to be struck first.

Obverse: Two pillars with fleur-de-lis above and waves below, divided by two vertical lines into nine sections with L 8 V above, P V A central, and 7 4 2 below. All is enclosed in a beaded border with BRASHER in small letters between bottom beads and waves. Lettering around is absent on this example, the outer portions clipped or filed away. Although not visible on this specimen, the obverse legend reads: o PHILIP o V o D o G o H o REX ANO 1786. Between G and H are small letters NY, identifying Brasher's place of residence.

Reverse: A Jerusalem cross divides the die into four quadrants. Rough engraved castles appear in the northwest and southeast quadrants, lions in the opposing quadrants. EB hallmark of Ephraim Brasher appears at the center of the cross.

1787 Brasher New York Style Doubloon. EB Punch on Wing (price realized-$2,415,000). Various theories have attempted to explain the purpose of the various Brasher Doubloons. Don Taxay suggested that they were struck from the dies intended for copper coinage, but that the gold version were intended as bribes for the New York State legislators who would favor Brasher and Bailey with a contract for the copper coinage. Taxay's comments probably came from Robert A. Vlack, in *Early American Coins*: "There is every reason to believe he [Brasher] contemplated expanding his profession to that of coinage as he filed a petition on February 11, 1787, with John Bailey, for the privilege of coining copper. It is reasonable to assume then, that these original dies were cut to serve more for a copper coinage for New York, than for a gold issue. This is supported by the fact that the dies were of the same size as that for the copper state coinage." Another theory suggested that these coins were produced as souvenirs to visitors of Washington, who lived next door. The cataloger for RARCOA, in Auction '79, stated: "The logical conclusion, then, is that the coins were minted by Brasher to be sold as souvenirs. When important persons came to town, Brasher now had something to offer (other than his expensive hand-made silverware) that had a real, tangible value. For about $16, they could purchase a gold piece, complete with the famous and treasured hallmark of a well-known craftsman. Even though the Doubloons contained about $16 worth of gold, this seems to be an expensive souvenir of a late 18th century visit. In support of the theory that these coins were intended to represent the current gold coinage issue is the weight and composition, which is virtually identical to that of the Spanish Doubloons in circulation at the time. The Brasher Doubloons were the only colonial gold coinage issues produced with intent for circulation, and therefore, must be considered among the most important of all colonial coinage.

Obverse: The sun is rising over the peak of a mountain with a body of water in the foreground. Brasher is below the waves, in small letters. This central device is enclosed within a circle of beads. The legend, around:

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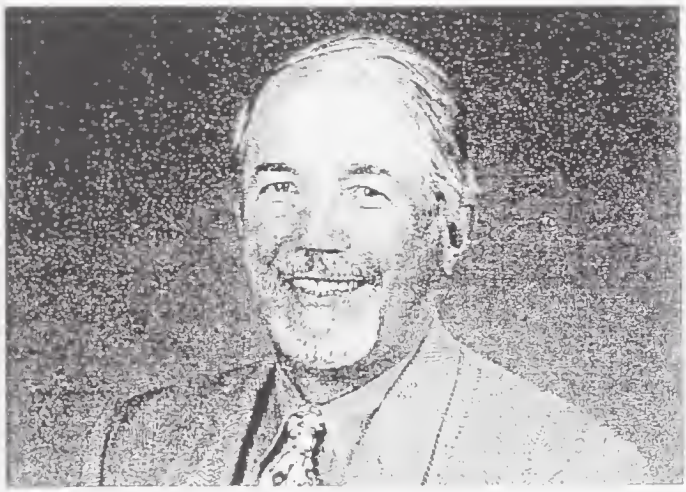

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August 13-14 **Amarillo, Texas**
Golden Spread Coin Club's Annual Show. Amarillo Civic Center, 3rd and Buchanan, Amarillo. Free Admission. Contact Ted Winton, 5125 Benton, Amarillo, TX 79110. (806) 352-8281. email—talk3407@sbcglobal.net or Nela Runkle, 4304 Jennie, Amarillo 79106. (806) 355-1702.

August 19-21 **Richardson, Texas** **85 Tables**
18th Annual Plano Coin Show. Richardson Civic Center, 411 West Arapaho Rd (SW corner Central Expwy & Arapaho Rd). Free admission and parking. Tables $185. Contact Mark R. Schroder, Lone Star Mint, Inc. 805 East 15th St, Plano, TX 75074-5805. (972) 424-1405. email planoshow@lsmint.com

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Central Texas Coin and Currency Show. Travelodge Inn, 802 N. General Bruce Drive (IH-35 at Nugent exit 302). Hours:10am-4pm Admission:$1.00 Dealer Tables:$65.00. Contact: JMV Entertainment, Box 151, Temple,Texas 76503. (254)774-7185 / (254) 760 - 8682
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September 3-4 **Ft. Worth, TX** **65 Tables**
34th Annual Summer Coin Show. Green Oaks Inn. 6901 W. Freeway, I-30. Free Admission. Sat 9a-6p; Sun 9a-3p. Tables $200. Contact Joe & Linda Wade, 6420 Diamond Loch N., Ft. Worth, TX 76180; (817) 485-1777.

September 10 **Victoria, TX** **51 Tables**
South Texas Coin Club Show. Holiday Inn, Victoria. Tables $40. Contact Bob Bills, 416 W. 3rd, Karnes City, TX 78118. (830) 780-3522.

September 17 **Beeville, TX** **21 Tables**
South Texas Coin Club Show. My Country Kitchen. Tables $40. Contact Bob Bills, 416 W. 3rd, Karnes City, TX 78118. (830) 780-3522.

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San Antonio Coin and Currency Show. Radisson Inn - San Antonio Airport 1111 NE Loop 410(Loop 410 exit Nacogdoches road). Hours:10am-4pm Admission:$1.00. Dealer Tables:$65.00. Contact: JMV Entertainment Box 151, Temple,Texas 76503. (254)774 -7185 / (254) 760 - 8682
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September 17-18 **Beaumont, TX**
Southeast Texas Coin & Collectibles Fall Show. Jointly Sponsored by the Beaumont, Orange, Port Arthur, & Silsbee Coin Clubs. Saturday, 9:00 to 5:00pm & Sunday, 9:00 to 4:00. Beaumont Civic Center, (Take downtown exit & follow the signs). Located at the Corner of Main & Forsythe. Admission for Adults, $1.00. Youth Auction, 3:00pm. Drawing for Gold Coin. Contact--Dale Richey, Bourse Chairman. Box 8258, Lumberton, TX 77657. Ph. No. (409-246-2432

Sept 24 **Tyler,Texas**
East Texas Coin and Currency Show. Ramada Inn, 3310 Troup Hwy(Hwy 110 and Loop 323). Hours:10am - 4pm Admission:$1.00. Tables:$65.00 Contact: JMV Entertainment, Box 151, Temple,Texas 76503
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October 1 **McKinney, TX** **32 Tables**
Semi-Annual Coin Show. Sponsored by the Collin County Coin Club. Holiday Inn, 1300 N. Hwy 75 (Hwy 75 North Exit #40B). A: Free. Tables $50/$60. Gary Rollins, Box 744, McKinney, TX 75070. Tel: (972) 727-1566 email—grollins@ev1.net or visit club website www.collincoinclub.com

October 7-9 **Grapevine, TX** **70 Tables**
TEXAS COIN SHOW at the Convention Center, 1209 S. Main St., Grapevine, TX 76051 (Hwy 114, Main Street, right on Vine). Fri-2p-6p; Sat-9a-6p; Sun-9a-3p. Free parking, police security & $2 admission. GOLD PRIZES! Contact Ginger & David Pike, Box 126, Tom Bean, TX 75489-0126. Phone/fax (214)-535-3465. email—TexasCoinShows@aol.com.

October 9 **Corpus Christi,Texas**
Corpus Christi Coin and Currency Show. Radisson Hotel - Corpus Christi Beach, 3200 Surfside (Near the USS Lexington Museum). Hours:10am-4pm Admission:$1.00. Dealer Tables:$65.00. Contact: JMV Entertainment, Box 151, Temple,Texas 76503. (254) 774 - 7185 / (254) 760 - 8682
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October 15 **Round Rock, Texas** **40 Tables**
Central Texas Coin Show: Wingate Inn, 1209 North IH-35 and Highway 79, Exit 253, Round Rock, Texas 78664. Contact Francis Smith (512) 339-2923 fpsmith@sbcglobal.net

October 16 **Houston,Texas**
Houston Coin and Currency Show. Hilton Houston Southwest, 6780 Southwest Freeway (US HWY 59 exit Hillcroft). Hours:10am-4pm Admission:$1.00. Dealer Tables:$65.00. Contact: JMV Entertainment Box 151, Temple,Texas 76503. (254)774-7185 / (254) 760 – 8682.
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November 5-6 **Ft. Worth, TX**
Fort Worth Coin Club Spring Show. Lockheed Recreation Center. 3400 South Bryant Irvin Road. Admission $3. Free Parking. Door Prizes. Contact Gary Andrews (817) 444-5500 or email apctexas@aol.com. .

November 13 **El Paso,Texas**
El Paso Coin and Currency Show. Hilton Inn - El Paso Airport, 2027 Airway Blvd (IH -10 at Airway). Hours:10am -4pm Admission:$ 1.00. Tables:$65.00. Contact: JMV Entertainment, Box 151, Temple,Texas 76503 (254) 774-7185 / 254 - 760 -8682.
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South Texas Coin Club Show. Historic Park Hotel. Tables $40. Contact Bob Bills, 416 W. 3rd, Karnes City, TX 78118. (830) 780-3522.

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Laredo Coin and Currency Show. La Posada Inn and Suites, 200 Zaragosa Hours:10am-4pm Admission:$1.00. Tables:$65.00.
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HAPPENINGS

EDITOR'S NOTE--Send me your club reports, preferably by email and get your club's activities noticed and recognized!

DISTRICT I

Fort Worth Coin Club (Internet Report)

Olyve Abbott gave the Secretary's report and Raymond Franco gave the Treasurer's report. Both were accepted by the membership. Guests were Hank Lopez and Ron Supprenant. Ron was a former FWCC member who is now reviving his interest in coin collecting. Bob Millard and Richard Moody were elected directors of the club for a two year term. Jeff Cecil, bourse chairman for the spring coin show, gave an update on preparations for the March 12-13 show. It was announced that life member Howard Luke passed away. Bob Culbertson was in the hospital undergoing knee replacement surgery. The Cecils volunteered to bring refreshments through August. New FWCC membership directories were distributed. We have a lot so see Ed Lasko if you need one. Jeff Cecil gave the program on buying and selling on Ebay. Frank Provasek auctioned 26 lots with Jack Allen, Jim Waite and Jeff Cecil acting as runners. February's program will be given by James Wiles. It will include good visuals if we can find the appropriate kind of projector. Sad news: Cheryl Hamilton, who joined the Coin Club last year, has passed away. At the February meeting of the Fort Worth Coin Club the Secretary's and the Treasurer's reports were read and accepted by the membership. Hank Lopez was voted into the club. Everyone should make an effort to meet Hank and extend a personal welcome. A scholarship drawing sign up sheet was passed to members for them to record their club involvement last year. Drawings for two ANA summer seminar scholarships and two $100 scholarships will be held at the March meeting. A brief discussion was held regarding increasing the club's educational involvement in the community with numismatic displays or something similar. Jeff Cecil gave an update of the club's spring coin show, March 12 and 13. All seems in order and we're expecting an exceptional event. James Wiles gave an exceptional PowerPoint program on "Mint Errors from the Planchet Making Process". Stewart Huckaby announced that Heritage had an opening for one or two numismatists. Contact Stewart for more information. Frank Provasek auctioned approximately 28 lots which closed the meeting.

Northeast Tarrant County Coin Club (Internet Report)

The 01/13/2005 Northeast Tarrant Coin Club meeting was called to order at about 7 p.m. by Robert Schultz, President with 49 in attendance. The

minutes of the previous meeting were approved as delivered. Merle outlined the plans for The Russell Prinzinger Youth Scholarship and Educational Fund which would include an Advisory Board, set of By-laws, and the formation of a not-for-profit organization. February's program will be the return of Dr. James Wiles and his further explanation of coins from the Mint. Richard needs more participation by members with the programs.
Jeff Cecil found a Canadian coin in a dealer's foreign coin box and it turned out to be worth about $400. An excellent program was presented by Gary Andrews on the increased value of coins saved over 100 years. He used an auction sheet from a Philadelphia Auction House dated 12/13/1897 when a Mr. Williams bought 19 lots of coins for $15.01.Gary had the Club members use their Red Books to find and price coins and tokens from that era. This was a very interesting exercise and the current value turned out to be more than $170,000 or an increase of 11,334%. Every one participated with great interest. A 42-Item Auction closed the meeting.
The 2/10/2005 Northeast Tarrant Coin Club meeting was called to order at 7PM with 53 in attendance. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as delivered. Progress continues on researching show location and timing. Interesting Finds: Stewart spoke about upcoming sales; A Fort Worth check from the 1860s signed by John Peter Smith was found. Our Program was presented by Jeff Cecil who presented a very thorough primer on buying coins and other things in eBay.
The March 10, 2005 Northeast Tarrant Coin Club meeting was called to order at 7pm with 56 present. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as delivered. Coin show update from Mike Branson. The Hilton Suites in Irving was selected. The Show times will be 9 to 6 on Saturday October 1 and 9 to 5 on October 2. We need a $500 deposit to hold the show space. By-laws and incorporation was discussed. Progress continues. Sam Fairchild has volunteered his services in preparing all the paperwork, completing the necessary forms, and structuring the by-laws. Next month is the club bourse. Bring your coins that you want to show and/or sell. Last year's event was really good. Our Program was presented by Dr. James Wiles who delivered the second of a 4-part series on the minting process and die varieties. He presented the die making process and the relationship between hubs and dies. Tonight the club held its donation auction of 56 items. Proceeds will be used for club expenses.
Faithfully submitted: Jack Gilbert, Secretary

Texarkana Coin Club (Internet Report)

The February meeting of the Texarkana Coin Club was held at the Texarkana Public Library conference room, 3rd and Oak, Texarkana, Texas on February 15, 2005, at 6:30 PM, with 22 members and guests present. It seems that our Coin Show of Feb. 11&12, 2005 was the topic of the night, with all participants excited and satisfied with the tremendous success of the yearly event. The business session of the meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Tony Wakin. He began the meeting by introducing and welcoming our guest, Mr. Frank Plummer. He then extended his "THANK

YOU" to all of the membership for a "JOB WELL DONE" and recognized the hard work by ALL of the membership in making the show an event to remember. He then reminded everyone that membership dues for 2005 are still being collected, and encouraged prompt payment. President Wakin asked if the copies of the minutes of the previous meeting had been distributed and read. A motion was made by Frank McFerrin to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Charles Holmes, and the minutes were approved by majority vote. President Wakin then called for the Treasurer's report on the financial condition of the Club. Tom also presented a summary of the winners list (attached to the hand-outs) of the hourly door prize winners given at the show, and a summary of the winners of the Fund-Raiser Raffle. President Wakin asked if there were any questions, corrections, or additions to the Treasurer's Report. There being none, Charles Holmes made a motion to approve the financial reports as read. The motion was seconded by Wayne Meadows, and the report was approved by vote of the members. President Wakin then moved the meeting to Old Business and opened the floor for discussion and critique of the Coin Show. The round table discussions included;(a) the successful use of hwy signs for advertising, their placement, appreciation to the members for volunteering to put them up and recover them after the completion of the show, and the storage of them for future use; (b) review of data collected from the registration forms to determine what forms of advertising had the most impact on attendance. The most important figures revealed that attendance for our show was up 300% from last year; (c) everyone agreed that the Four Points Sheraton had provided excellent accommodations, gracious staff, and exemplary amenities (such as catering meals to dealers at their booths). It was also noted that the Country Host Inn was very generous in extending huge discounts for rooms to dealers and guests; (d) discussion for planning next year's show to begin immediately; (e) reports from all Officers of the Club that every dealer, at the conclusion of the show, reminded us to add them to our mailing invitations for the 2006 Show. President Wakin then moved the meeting to New Business and opened the floor for Election of Officers for the coming year. Calvin Bedgood then made a motion to nominate all current Officers to be re-elected to their positions. Frank McFerrin seconded the motion, and all Officers were re-elected as follows: President-Tony Wakin; Secretary/Treasurer-Tom Cross; Bourse Chairman-Steve Jumper; Education Director-Charles Holmes; Social Director-Frank McFerrin. President Wakin then appointed Charles Holmes to become Bourse Chairman until such time as the Office would be offered for election. The Texarkana Coin CLub meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Texarkana Public Library Conference Room at 6:30 PM. website at http://www.texarkanacoinclub.com.

Submitted by: Tom Cross, Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT II

Permian Basin Coin Club (Internet Report)

The Permian Basin Coin Club met on Feb. 1 at Midland College. 9 members were present. The meeting started with some trading and several recent finds from coin shows, etc. were passed around for members to look at. The upcoming coin shows were discussed and plans were made to travel together to the shows. An ANA film on toning was then shown which filled most of the remaining time. Discussion followed about toning. The growth of the club was also discussed and advertising and setting up a display at local gun shows was considered. The meeting closed with a door prize.

The Permian Basin Coin Club met on March 1 at Midland College. 11 members were present and membership dues was collected from most. After the treasurer's report was given, reports were made about the coin shows attended by several members. Discussion then centered on advertising the coin club and the need for younger members. Several recent coin buys were passed around including a 93-S Morgan dollar. The rest of the evening was a trade night with several nice coins being bought and sold. The next meeting will be at Midland College on April 5th at 7:00. Please see our web-sight at midlandcoins.com for more information.

Submitted by:William Welsh

DISTRICT V

Collin County Coin Club (Internet Report)

The last regular meeting of the Collin County Coin Club was held on January 20, 2005 at the Steak Kountry restaurant in McKinney with 25 members in attendance. The Door prize winner was Victor Elizondo. Lotto winners were Victor Elizondo and John McWilliams. Congratulations to the winners! Gary Rollins conducted a 74-lot auction. There was no presentation this month. Linda Reed reported on the club's finances which remain sound. A motion was made and passed to look into name badges for club members. Kim Groves will research the cost of name badges and report back at the February meeting. A motion was also made to change the auction rule to eliminate combined lots, ie: multiple items in a lot where the bidder can take one or all. The motion was voted on and passed. The Collin County Coin Club's semi-annual show will be held on April 2, 2005 at the Holiday Inn in McKinney. We will be looking for volunteers to help out at the door. It is still not too late to put your display in the Sherman Public Libary in February. If you have any interest in displaying your numismatic items at the Sherman Public Library in February 2005, or have questions about how to create an interesting display, call John McWilliams at 580-775-1446.

Dallas Coin Club (Internet Report)

President Glenn Woods called the January 20th meeting of the Dallas Coin Club to order. There were 21 members in attendance. The reading of the minutes from the December 2004 meeting was waived and the minutes were

approved as previously published with one correction. Vice President Stewart Huckaby requested that anyone interested in presenting a future program please contact him. Treasurer David Swann announced that 22 members had paid their 2005 dues thus far. The Christmas party cost the club $180. The club expenses for 2004 were slightly higher than the income that was generated. The primary expense for 2004 was the Educational Grant. The club received a $125 check from the TNA. Show Chairman John Post noted that the Marriott that the coin show was held at last year was booked by someone else this year during the Easter weekend timeframe. Information will be presented at a later date concerning when the coin show may be held this year. Awards- Hal Cherry presented 2004 Program Awards to Stewart Huckaby (2), Glenn Woods, Steve Ivey, Ron Blaha, Mike Ross, Howard Ford, Bob Desiderato and himself (2). The drawing was held for the Educational Grant. No additional eligible candidates were announced. The candidate selected through a random drawing of the eligible candidates was Kathy Lawrence. Program- Mike Grant presented a program entitled "Numismatic Rip-Offs". Mike discussed some of the various ways that coins are marketed to the public and brought several examples that he passed around. Slabbed coins are being sold on the internet and are labeled with much higher grades than the coins warrant. Many of them are listed as Proof 70. Various issues were noted with the slabbed coins including the fact that many of them were placed in the holders upside-down and some of the coins have very noticeable fingerprints on them. Mike recommended, "Buy the coin and not the slab". Also discussed were some of the various companies who sell coins through mail-order catalogs. The grading of the coins by some of the companies is generally accurate, but they charge a premium for the coins. Mike did mention some of the justification for the higher prices of the coins such as the fact that they spend a good deal on advertising, hire a large number of employees and that the reports are that approximately 30% of their customers do not pay for the coins they received. Mike also mentioned that there are currently large numbers of counterfeits of certain coins including Trade Dollars and Early Bust dollars. Some of the indications that a coin is counterfeit include incorrect weight, incorrect diameter, the coin may be too thick or too thin, and edges that do not appear as they should. Show and Tell- a number of members brought items for show and tell. Jeff Cecil brought a 1913 Canadian dime that he had sent in for grading and slabbing. It was determined to be the large leaves variety, which is more rare. Stewart Huckaby acquired a 1956D quarter with a possible "Ghost S crack". Glenn Woods recently went to New York City and purchased several coins while he was there. He brought 5 coins, including a Miletos electrum stater of about 600-580 BC. Mark Jones brought several commemoratives- Arkansas, Albany and Antietam. Larry Herrera recently purchased a Navy Mothers Clubs of America patch along with several pins at a garage sale. If anyone has any information concerning that organization, please contact Larry. Mike Grant brought 2005 US Mint Quarter Sets for show and sell as at least one person put it. 21 items were sold at auction for a total of $141.25.

President Glenn Woods called the February meeting to order. There were 18 members in attendance. The reading of the minutes from the January 2005 meeting was waived and the minutes were approved as previously published. Treasurer David Swann reported that 29 regular members had paid their dues as well as 2 junior members. Show Chairman John Post announced that there is a possibility of holding the annual coin show in August, however it is more likely that the show will be held in early December. TNA Representative Larry Herrera presented a report concerning the TNA Board Meeting that was held in November 2004. Jim Fitzgerald has been named as the show producer of the TNA show that will be held on May 13th thru 15th in Ft. Worth. The TNA has limited their contribution to the "Coins for A's" program to $2,000 per year. A Member Code of Ethics was passed as well as a Dealer Code of Ethics. There will be a mid-year TNA show in 2006 in El Paso from October 27th thru the 29th. Hal Cherry, the TNA Secretary, mentioned some of the benefits of TNA membership, including free admission to the TNA show, the bi-monthly TNA publication that contains a comprehensive show listing, and the ability to borrow from the TNA library. Those present for the February program were in for a real treat. Glenn Woods surprised everyone by bringing U.S. coins that he recently purchased from someone who no longer wanted them as part of his collection- there was not a single ancient coin amongst the coins Glenn passed around. The discovery of the Comstock Lode in the 1870's and the large quantities of silver that were mined caused a discontinuance of the bi-metal standard which had stated the ratio of gold to silver. There was a larger quantity of proof coins in 1873 and Glenn brought a complete type set of proof coins from that year with the exception of the gold coins issued that year. Glenn also brought many other fabulous coins that he passed around for everyone to see. The coins included an original Scott re-strike of the Confederate Half Dollar, the 1918D 8 over 7 Buffalo nickel, an uncirculated 1896O Morgan dollar, a +65 1796 large date small letters Draped Bust large dollar, and a 1937D 3-legged Buffalo nickel. There were a total of 49 auction lots, of which 47 were sold, for a total of $320.75. Frank Clark brought 11 of the lots and placed them in the auction as club lots. Those lots raised $50.25 for the club. Thanks Frank!

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Lawrence, Secretary

DISTRICT VI

Bellaire Coin Club, (Internet Report)

There were 20 members and guests at the January 3rd meeting of the Bellaire Coin Club. Tim Conway discussed the Christmas party. Tim Conway reminded everybody about the Grapevine Coin Show. Bud Holton addressed a new show, at the Hilton near Sharpstown. Carl Schwenker requested more volunteers to help with the Money Show of the Southwest. Tim Conway and Jerry Clemons noted that December 20 only two members, Jerry Clemons and Bill Watson went to the cancelled meeting. Tim Conway declared that the Money Show of the Southwest was on the Bellaire website. Tim Conway

announced that the National Coin Week Show would be on April 23-24, at the Bellaire Civic Center. Tim Conway discussed more Christmas party stories. Tim Conway and Jerry Clemons reminded members that Alan Perry had died in December. Tim Conway gave a formal notice that the club would make a donation, of one thousand dollar to the Bellaire Park and Recreation. Tim Conway requested the need for more programs. Carl Schwenker stated that the Greater Houston Coin Club would be offering a scholarship to the Annual Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs. Carl Schwenker announced, a "Coin for A's" program, for students that bring their report cards. The program for tonight was show and tell. The following members presented a short program, Jim Bevill, Tim Conway, Sebastian Frommhold, Billy Howard, Ron Miller, Rupert Soliz, and John Trout. John Trout won the show and tell prize.

There were 26 members and guests at the January 17th meeting. Jim Bevill stated that our microscope viewer has been checked and repaired. Ron Miller announced that the Museum of Natural Science is having a series of programs about Gold. One scheduled program includes the S. S. Central America. Ed Stephens noted that the club has sent a donation check of one thousand dollars to the Bellaire Park and Recreation. We have not received official thanks, as of this meeting. Sebastian Frommhold and Ed Stephens reminded the club about the Money Show of the Southwest. It was noted official billboards have been seen near Hobby Airport and the Spring areas. Ed Stephens noted he would be starting handing out dealer application for the National Coin Week show on April 24-25. Jim Bevill announced that the Texas Numismatic Association Show would be May 13-15 in Fort Worth. Tom Bermel and Tom Cooper gave Florida United Numismatists show reports. Tom Bermel noted some of the items that he received at the show. Some of the items received an autographed red book, with a special Florida United Numismatists 50th anniversary logo. Tom Bermel also received a slabbed Florida statehood quarter. Tom Bermel, during the show asked around and still no Cherrypicker's guide. The program for tonight was show and tell. The following members presented a short program, Tom Bermel, Sebastian Frommhold, Brian Holland, Billy Howard, Michael Wolford. Billy Howard won the show and tell prize.

There were 22 members and guests at the February 7th meeting. Tim Conway presented a letter with the American Numismatic Association nominations for the next election. Tim announced a College Station coin show, April 10 at the Hilton College Station, 801 University East. Tim noted that the club would provide a refund for all orders of the Cherrypicker's guide. Sebastian Frommhold and Ed Stephens presented reports about the Greater Houston Coin Club's Money Show of the Southwest. Jack Pavlovic stated a late award from the Pasadena coin club to Tim Conway. Jim Bevill, Jerry Clemons and Ed Stephens discussed the visitor mailing list that Michael Wolford keeps updated. This was for the area coin clubs only, Bellaire, Greater Houston, and Pasadena. Somehow the list was sent to other organizations. The Pasadena club decided to separate their list from the group mailing list. Ed Stephens noted the National Coin Week, April 23-24 Bellaire Civic Center.

Tim Conway, and Sebastian Frommhold, received an email about a special program, at the Museum of Natural Science. The program is scheduled for March 5. Tim suggested a table with club information. Tim Conway noted that the club still needs volunteers to do programs at the meetings. The program for tonight was show and tell. The following members presented a short program, Tom Bermel, Jim Bevill, Tim Conway, Tom Cooper, Sebastian Frommhold, Rupert Soliz. Jim Bevill won the show and tell prize. There were 22 members and guests at the February 21st meeting. Tim Conway and Ed Stephens announced the Brian Holland had emergency eye surgery. The club has sent Brian, two cards from the club. Gary Austin and Ed Stephens told a story about a blind coin dealer. The dealer could know what he had, ridges on the edge of the coins. He also had a particular place for each currency type received. Tim Conway started a Cherrypicker's guide refund list, with all names. Each member that ordered a copy will receive a check. Jim Bevill, Sebastian Frommhold and Ed Stephens viewed a "gold" program, Museum of Natural Science. Instead of a question session, they viewed a preview of the main exhibit. The museum wants volunteers to keep an eye on the exhibits and other projects. Interested in helping, call Sebastian Frommhold at (281) 655-8985. Ed Stephens noted, soon it will time for club elections. If you have a nomination, get permission before announcing that candidate. Tom Cooper stated during the last meeting, reminded that we should set up a table at the Museum of Natural Science on March 5. Teaching visitors about area coin clubs. Ron Miller requested information about the past show at the Hilton-Sharpstown on January 16. Jim Bevill presented a special guest, a scout checking the completion of a coin merit badge program. Billy Howard announced a College Station coin show, April 10 at the Hilton College Station, 801 University East, Admission: $ 1.00. Jim Bevill presented the program about the Early Silver Dollars, 1794-1866. Special thanks Jim, originally it was suppose to be Brian Holland with a program on Byzantine Coins: Justinian II. Brian had emergency eye surgery.
Submitted by: Michael Wolford--Bellaire Newsletter Editor

Greater Houston Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)
Richard Laster called the January meeting of the GREATER HOUSTON COIN CLUB to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 36 members and seven guests in attendance. The guests were Billy Howard, Constance Will, and the Purcell family (Glen, Karen, Melanie, and Sheila). Prior to the start of the meeting, club members and guests feasted on sandwiches and potato chips.
Sebastian Frommhold kicked off the Show and Tell session by passing around a set of Mexican Revolutionary coins. John Barber showed off a spade guinea dated 1787 and mentioned that a spade guinea is worth 21 shillings or 105% of a crown. John Coker passed around an old ruler and Richard Laster followed up with an old wallet. What was the significance of these items you ask? I'm sorry, but you have to attend the meetings if you want all of the details. Michael Wolford presented a set of transportation tokens with each letter of the alphabet represented by a city token. The only alphabet letters not represented were Q and Z. This is a pretty impressive

set. Barney Loebe had a souvenir from one of his recent trips. It was a silver pin dish formed around a genuine Venezuelan coin. Tom Cooper showed off some old $10 notes, one a gold certificate and the other a Federal Reserve note. Gene Nixon finished up the Show and Tell session by passing around some obviously counterfeit American coins obtained in China, a source of vast numbers of counterfeits. Sebastian has provided a list of known counterfeits that will be attached as PDF files for those who receive the newsletter electronically. Sebastian then introduced the night's speaker, Alvin Stern, who presented the program "The 'Superman' of 1739." He revealed the mystery man as Edward Vernon, better known as Admiral Vernon, a great historical figure in Great Britain's history. Today, the Vernon victory medals of 1739 and 1741 are highly collectible. Most are made of copper or brass and range in size from 27 to 33 mm..

Brief reports were made by the Secretary and the Treasurer. Carl Schwenker then gave an update on the Money Show. He reported that all but three planned dealer tables had been sold and that up to $5 per day would be reimbursed for Money Show volunteers that requested reimbursement. He also announced the dollar drop and solicited volunteers to help spend the dollars on the Thursday preceding the show. He also asked club members to help publicize the show by distributing flyers. Carl also announced that the George R Brown Convention Center was going to allow the club to host the traditional barbecue dinner on dealer setup day at the show.

Before the close of the meeting, it was announced that Barney Loebe has been named the Official District Delegate for Region 9 that includes Texas and Louisiana. Congratulations Barney! Also before the close of the meeting, Carl Schwenker made a motion that the club refrain from nominating ANA officers and this motion was received a second from Lloyd Woodard. After some spirited debate, this motion passed by a vote of 22 to 7 with 1 member abstaining. See New Business for more information concerning this subject. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 and the auction followed shortly thereafter. Alvin Stern conducted the auction and runners were Danny Stafford and Sheila Purcell. The auction door prize was won by Alvin Stern. Alvin and John gave their door prizes to Sheila and her sister Melanie, both first-time visiting juniors.

DISTRICT VII

Alamo Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

The January 13th meeting of the Alamo Coin Club had an attendance of 49.

The roundtable was started by Will R. with a 1925 Mexico 10 centavos, with a possible 5/3 overdate. Don K. had a 1970 Nixon/Agnew President/Vice President medal, with double portraits on the obverse and their seals on the reverse. Fred P. had a Buffalo dollar-Silver Certificate set. Fernando R. had a Fort Stockton (Texas) medal which read "FT. STOCKTON CHAPTER NO. 406, CHARTERED DEC 1, 1963". William D. had a medal of George (H) W. Bush, 41st President, and a campaign button of George W. Bush for Governor of Texas. Glen Z. had a 2004 Liberia $10, limited edition 2 oz. Silver coin with

a "Tiffany glass" window in a stone wall, with the seal of Liberia next to the window. Francis W. had Texas State Quarter and used die set from the US Mint. All traces of the quarter design were ground off the die to make it unusable. John M. had a large bronze medal honoring Abraham and Victor Bren-ner, designers and engravers of the "Mercury" dime and Lincoln cent. The obverse shows one of their designs and the reverse shows a log cabin and an inscription. Fred B. showed a 2004 Great Britain set of ten coins, arranged in a circle. Clinton B. had a 1999 NBA Champions SPURS silver one ounce round. Jean B. had a medal honoring the 50th year anniversary of the Four Minute Mile record. Pyron C. had an 1822 Mexico 8 Reales, a one year type with an eagle on the reverse that looks like a scrawny chicken. Gwyn C. had a beautiful filagree silver spoon with an 1895 Mexico silver 5 centavos set in the handle. Bill M. showed a West Indies Campaign Medal "Sampson" from the Spanish-American War awarded to his father, Thomas Murray, an ordinary seaman aboard the battleship U.S.S. Indiana. Harold E.had a 2004 Canada dollar commemorating the 400 anniversary of the first French settlement in the New World. David A. found many silver half dollars when going through rolls obtained at small town banks: a 1906D Barber, several Walking Liberty, two rolls of Franklin and many silver Kennedy halves. Jim J. told of lifting a gold bar from the Atocha shipwreck, and had a certificate to prove it. Don W. had a 1916 Mexico type set of Constitutional notes. David A. won the Round Table prize. The program was given by Bill S. on coins of Mexico in the 1800''s, their mintage and various differences in dies. Because of the many varieties, counterfeits have been easy to pass. Bill is trying to get either a coin or pictures from auction and dealer catalogs for every type and die combination from this period, and appealed to members requesting any auction catalogs they might have containing pictures of these coins. Auction: Of 67 items auctioned by Fred P. and Ron G., 10 lots were donated, after purchase between $10 and $20, to the children's auction, and 31 other items sold to "keepers".

There were 34 attending the January 27th meeting including new member Paul C. The roundtable began with Willard R. showing a 1966 Half Dollar, on the reverse "HALF DOLLAR" and "AMERICA" are all doubled. Don K. had an Appolo 11 medal, showing the Moon Landing July 20, 1969. The reverse has portraits of Neil Armstrong, Edwin Aldrin and Michael Collins. Fernando R. had a Type I Eisenhower Dollar, 40% silver with broad stroke lettering on the reverse. Robert D. announced that he became a grandfather yesterday and showed pictures to prove it! Glen Z. had a framed presentation made of the 2004 numismatic and philatelic Lewis & Clark items, a very impressive display. Richard G. had a Lincoln medal he received in a bubble gum package in the late 40s or early 50s. Fred B. had a Good Luck token from Excelcior Shoes for Boys, Nashville, Tennessee. Stan McM. had an 1855O Half Dollar, with arrows on date and no rays (Variety 3). David A. had another London Bridge medal, this one celebrating the 100th anniversary of Rotary and Route 66 through Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California. Pye C. had an 1824 Mexico 8 Reales with a hook neck eagle and a looped snake on the reverse. William B. finished with a 1976 Mardi Gras token with the Latin inscription "PRO BONO PUBLICO" (Free to the public). Pye C. won the Roundtable prize. An

auction containing a 20th Century Type Set, containing circulated coins, was donated by Roger A. to be auctioned to benefit the Children's auction. Bidding was started at $10 and finally sold at $130. Then Roger announced that one coin in the set had a book value at over $100!

Gateway Coin Club (Club Newsletter)

The January 6th meeting of the Gateway Coin Club opened with 28 members present. The paid-up member attendance prize, a 2004 Silver Eagle coin, was given to Jerry Varnon. The roundtable was quite interesting and was led by Clifton Valley who brought a British 2-pound coin. Tom Bailey had a German Pfenning and Karla Galindo had a press release for the new British mint set commemorating the Battle of Tafalger. Frank Galindo showed two Cracker Jack tokens honoring Presidents Taft and Harding. The meeting concluded with a spirited auction conducted by Bobby Rogers.

The January 18th meeting had 27members and 2 guests present. After the club roundtable, the educational program was presented by Bill Sigl on "Die Study of Mexican Republic Minor Coins. He is compiling information on die varieties for his database. A mini-auction closed the meeting.

The February 3rd meeting opened with 29 members in attendance. The attendance prize, a 1985 Mexican onza was given to John DeViney. The evening's roundtable had many interesting numismatic items shown including a stamped dollar bill, medals honoring Thomas Edison and the light bulg, ancient coins proof German 10-euros coins and a watch chain that had a 1787 Fugion Cent as the fob. The meeting ended with a mini-auction conducted by Bobby Rogers.

The February 17th meeting had 28 members and 4 guests present. The paid-up member attendance prize, a 2004 one-ounce Silver Eagle, was given to Karla Galindo. After the member roundtable, Bobby Rogers presented the educational program, "Collecting one-dollar Federal Reserve Notes. He gave a brief summary and historical background of paper money including the seals, districts, printing and errors. After his presentation, a question and answer session was held.

DISTRICT VIII

Corpus Christi Coin Club (Internet Report)

The January 18th 2005 meeting of the Corpus Christi Coin Club; 7 members were present. Topics discussed included the new California Quarter and other state quarters coming out this year, and how the Iowa quarters had increased in value. The collectors round table then turned to the topic of TV Shop at Home shows and misleading advertisements, and how they will damage the hobby, and how susceptible new collectors are to such promotions. It is the responsibility of not only the American Numismatic Association, and the Texas Numismatic Association but especially local clubs like the Corpus Christi Coin Club and South Texas Coin Club to educate and nurture as much as possible these new collectors. In this same vain, discussion continued on how the club might tap all these new

collectors, whose interest have been sparked compliments of the new coinage programs like the state quarters and nickel design changes. A survey done by Shopper's Voice of Buffalo, NY noted that 27% of all households in the United States are active coin collectors, this positions coin collecting as the number two hobby in the entire USA. This was the result of 10,000 homes at random being asked what was, or if they had a hobby? First place is held by gardening with 51% next closest was needle working/woodworking with 22%. These results just go to show there are a lot of untapped collectors out there for numismatic groups to contact, educate and involve. To simplify that is a little over 1 out of 4 homes in the USA someone collects coins. As always members showed off their latest finds during "Show & Tell".

There is no report for the February meeting as the secretaries husband/chauffer had the flue.

Respectively Submitted--Martha S. Kerr-Burke (Secretary)

DISTRICT IX

Lamb County Coin Club (Internet Report)

There were 7 members present ant the LCCC in January. Ernist Mills called the meeting to order at 7:30. There was no meeting in December so there were no minutes to be read. Larry Sanderson gave a treasures report. Harvey Miller reported that the club was out of door prizes and that we needed to buy more. A motion was made to buy 2005 Silver Eagles for this year. The motion was seconded and approved. There was a round table discussion. Lamonte Pitzer showed a variety of US and Foreign coins and currency. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45

Ernist Mills called the February meeting to order at 7:30 with 7 members present. Harvey Miller read the minutes and they were approved. Larry Sanderson brought a scrapbook from the Lamb county coin clubs first years as a club. The club was started in the mid 1960â€™s with about 20 charter members. It was very interesting to see the club events and activities from those times. Lamonte Pitzer brought some coins and currency to show. There was a round table discussion and the meeting was adjourned.

South Plains Coin Club (Internet Report)

The January meeting of the South Plains Coin Club was called to order at 6:30 by president Arlen Hilton with 25 members and 1 junior member present. There were no minutes as December was our Christmas dinner and auction. Ed Chauncy gave a treasurers report. Our Christmas auction raised approximately 3400.00 to be given the children's home of Lubbock. We really appreciate everyone's participation and involvement in making it a successful auction. Herman Jacobs has been researching advertising cost for our upcoming show and gave a report on our choices for this year. There was a brief discussion about our show and upcoming events. Ed Chauncy conducted the auction and the meeting was adjourned.

The February meeting was called to order by president Arlen Hilton with 27 members and 1 junior member present. Herman Jacobs gave a report on the advertising for our show and the cost. Lynn Parker gave a report on the progress of the show and passed around a sign up sheet for the jobs that need to be filled for the show. There was a discussion about the various duties involved and the number of volunteers needed. Ed Chauncy conducted the auction and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00

Submitted by: Gober Pitzer; TNA Governor District IX

DISTRICT X

International Coin Club (Internet Report)

EL PASO COIN SHOW A GREAT SUCCESS

The International Coin Club held their 42nd Annual Coin Show the weekend of February 18-20 at the exhibit hall of the El Maida Shrine Temple in cental El Paso. this is a new location as the show had outgrown its previous location. There were 70 dealer tables with over 50 dealers in attendence. There were also 18 compeditive exhibits. Dealer set-up began Friday morning and after a dealer lunch the formal opening began at 1 PM Foot traffic was steady all Frdiay afternooin until closing at 6 PM The Saturday hours were from 9 to 6 with a fairly steady flow of trafficeall day. The Sunday hours were 9 to 4. While most shows have little business on Sunday, this coin show always does a bigtbusiness on that day. Many families attend the show after church and since we are a border community, many Mexican visitors come over on that day. Instead of charging adission to the show, the club sells raffle tickets to a host of gold coins and other numismatic items. At the close of the show, while the raffle was being held, there were still had people buying and selling on the floor. This location is the site of the October 2006 TNA Rotating Show. This hall will easily accomodate 100 tables as well as a large area for exhibits. The security, provided by the El Paso Police Department is excellent. The Shrine Hall is used for gun, gem and other type or shows on a regular basis so the police are experienced in dealing with events in the hall and possible security threats. There is ample parking and since it is only four miles from the El Paso International Airport there are many motels in the vacinity.

Pat Curran, Governor District X

DISTRICT XI

Golden Spread Coin Club (Club Newsletter)

The Golden Spread Coin Club met on February 7. David Cass presided over the meeting. We had 14 members & 2 junior members present. The minutes & treasures reports were approved. The 50th anniversary committee gave a good report on their recommended plans for our 50th anniversary party. The party will be on July 23, 2005 from 1 till 4 pm. We will use round tables, have coin exhibits, guest registry, finger foods, a big cake, deli trays and a large banner. The colors will be green & gold. We will have an article in the

paper if we can get them to print it! Everyone is encouraged to bring any old items that have to do with the club for display at the party. Gene Hall passed away. He was a long time member. Janice Cass gave a great program on the Philadelphia mint. She was recently in Philadelphia. She made arrangements with our congressman to tour the mint. She said it was a good tour. Ted Winton will be the bourse chairman at out show on August 13 & 14, 2005. Contact him at 806.352.8281 for table information.

DISTRICT XIII

I regret to report that there will be no news from District XIII until after the TNA Convention in May. Ray has been hospitalized four times since December 10th, and we have been able to attend only one meeting this year. He had already decided to step down as Governor and has found a replacement. Due to his illness, he was unable to ensure this individual was nominated by the 31 December deadline. He will, however, submit this person's name to the president and recommend he be appointed District XIII Governor at the convention.

Ray has served the Association for many, many years as District VII Governor, as President, as Secretary and, finally as District XIII Governor. He has enjoyed all his years of service and would continue to serve, were he able. I, too, have enjoyed serving as Youth Chairman, Historian, District XIII Governor and helping Ray any way I could with his duties.

Thank you so much for allowing us to serve you.

Submitted by Mary Jane Whyborn--for Raymond E. Whyborn, Governor, District XIII

DISTRICT XV

Greater Orange Coin Club (Internet Report)

The meeting was called to order with 18 members in attendance. Pres. Carleton asked if everyone accepted the minutes from last month. A motion was made by Jerry Williams,second by Barbara to accept as written. Mr. Dewey gave a treasury report,Peggy made a motion to accept David second it. We had 3 guest that attended Jerry said the program Barbara was to give will be a good one which it was about MARDI GRAS material she had and interesting. Jerry also said he needed 3 more volunteers to give a program for the club. Mr. Scott gave a report on the COIN SHOW in March at the RAMADA INN that we have 14 tables sold already and expects more this week. We also ask for volunteers to help at the show. David will be checking on Security for the show. Carleton made a motion to accept Delton second. We then started the auction with Jerry on the floor.

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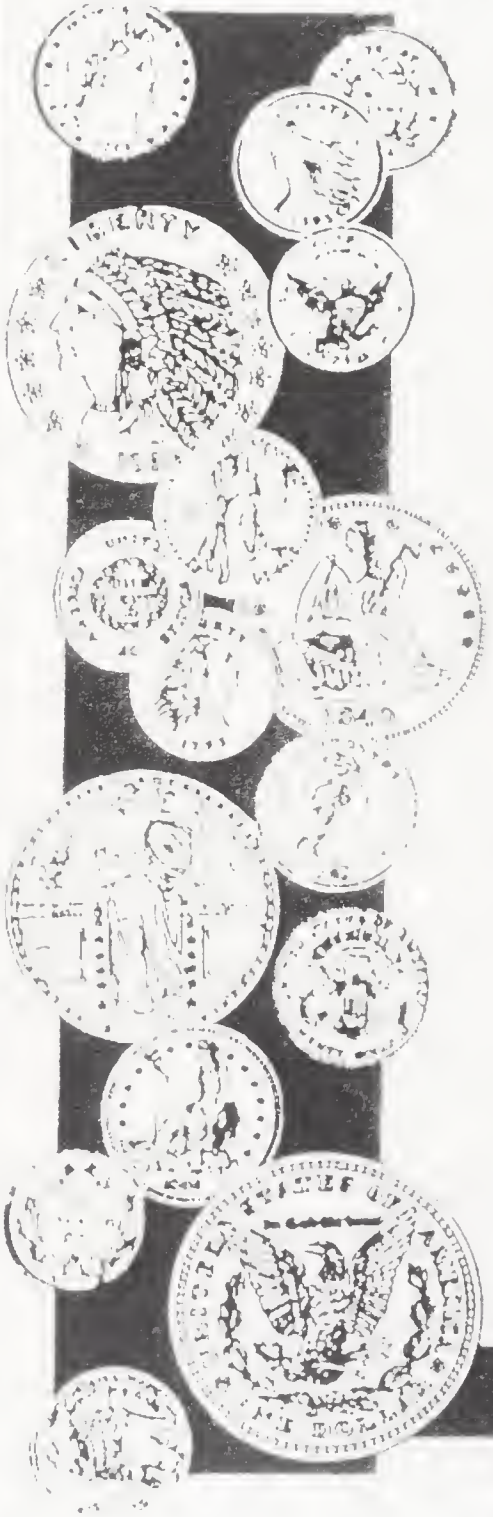

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